

Daniel 12:1-13 (NASB) Notes

⇒ How often do you think about the “end times”?

⇒ What role do Daniel’s prophecies play in our everyday lives?

• “For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” (**Rom.15:4**)

“Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved. Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.” (**1Co.10:6,11**)

• At least 71 passages from Daniel are quoted or alluded to in 16 N.T. books, mostly in Revelation. All of **Daniel 6** is referred to in **Hebrews 11:33**.

• The **Tribulation** – the time of the “**abomination of desolation**” (9:27; 11:31; 12:11; **Mt.24:15-31**; **Mk.13:14**).

¹ “Now **at that time** Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a **time of distress** such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in **the book**, will be rescued.

• **Rev.12:7-9** describes Michael’s role during this time. See **Jude 9** re. cosmic struggles.

• “**the book**” – **Ex.32:33**; **Ps.69:28**; **Malachi 3:16**; **Lk.10:20**; **Rev.3:5**; **20:12**.

• The **Millennial Kingdom** – **Rev.20:1-7**

• “**Millennialists**” = those who believe that OT prophecies of a kingdom established on earth are fulfilled literally. Cf., **Isa.2:1-5**; **4:1-6**; **11:1-9**; **12:1-6**; **30:18-26**; **35:1-10**.

• “**Amillennialists**” = those who reject this literal interpretation; instead spiritualizing these prophecies and applying them to the church today.

• **2Tim.4:1-5** – Paul views the Millennium as motivation for ministry.

² Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground **will awake**, these to **everlasting life**, but the others to **disgrace and everlasting contempt**.

• The truth of the **resurrection** – **1Cor.15:12-14**, **18**; **2Cor.5:8**; **Phil.1:21-23**; **Rev.20:4-6**. Contrast – at death, the spirit of an unbeliever immediately goes to a place of conscious torment (**Lk.16:19-31**).

• “**everlasting life**” – appears here for the first time in the O.T. (**Mt.25:46**; **Jn.3:16**; **5:28-29**; **Ac.24:15**).

• “**disgrace and everlasting contempt**” = intensive fullness / great shame; an object of aversion / abhorrence (**Isa.66:24**).

⇒ God does not delight in judging anyone (**Ezek.18:23, 31-32; 2Pet.3:9**) ... thus the Incarnation, crucifixion and Resurrection.

- Insert views on a pre-Tribulation “rapture” (**1Thess.4:13-18; 5:1-9-11**)
- Hell is called “the second death” (**Rev.20:14**) ... “If you have been born only once, you will die twice; but if you have been born twice (‘born again’), you can only die once.”

³ Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

- Jesus alludes to this passage in **Mt.13:43**.
- Rewards: How we live and serve as justified believers will determine the rewards given to us at the “judgment seat of Christ” (**Rom.14:10-12; 1Cor.3:10-15; 2Cor.5:6-10; 1Jn.2:28**).
- Is serving God worth it? See **Malachi 3:13 – 4:3**.
- Summary truths re. the resurrection:
 - Bodily resurrection
 - New body is immortal
 - Even unbelievers spend eternity in bodily form
 - Resurrected saints receive great honor and great reward
 - Opposite is true for unbelievers

⁴ But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and **seal up the book** until the end of time; many will go **back and forth**, and knowledge will increase.”

- “**seal up the book**” – ancient practice of ratifying official documents: one was sealed and kept in a safe place, and one that kept available (**Jer.32:1-12**). Sealed by impressing upon it the identifying marks of the parties involved and the recording scribe. A “sealed” text was not to be tampered with or changed. ∴ Preserve these words for those who would be alive at the “time of the end” and who would need it.

- “**back and forth**” – to go here and there; denotes intense searching. Why? ... **Amos 8:11-12**

⁵ Then I, Daniel, looked and behold, **two others** were standing, one on this bank of the river and the other on that bank of the river.

⁶ And one said to the **man dressed in linen**, who was above the waters of the river, “How long will it be until the end of these wonders?”

- “**man dressed in linen**” – **Dan.10:5-6**
- The fact that the angels request knowledge from the “man dressed in linen” suggests His superiority (**Heb.1:4**) ... also **1Pe.1:12**.

⁷ I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, as he **raised his right hand and his left toward heaven**, and swore by Him who lives forever that it would be for **a time, times, and half a time**; and as soon as they finish shattering the power of the **holy people**, all these *events* will be completed.

- **“raised his right hand and his left”** – (**Dt.32:40**) the certainty of what is stated under oath is indeed true.
- **“a time, times, and half”** = 3.5 years (**Dan.7:25; Rev.12:14**) ... 42 months (**Rev.11:2; 13:5**) ... 1260 days (**Rev.11:3; 12:6**)
- Just as Jesus’ public ministry on earth lasted 3.5 years, so will the Antichrist, empowered by Satan, do the same.

⁸ As for me, I heard but could not understand; so I said, “My lord, what *will be* the outcome of these *events*?”

- Daniel’s question is normal and expected (**Ac.1:6**).

⁹ He said, “Go *your way*, Daniel, for *these* words are concealed and sealed up until the end time.

- **1Cor.2:6-13**

¹⁰ Many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand.

- Two-fold result:
 - Purification of the saints
 - True character of the wicked human heart (**Jer.17:9**)

¹¹ From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days.

¹² How blessed is he who keeps waiting and attains to the 1,335 days!

¹³ But as for you, go *your way* to the end; then you will enter into rest and rise *again* for your allotted portion at the end of the age.”